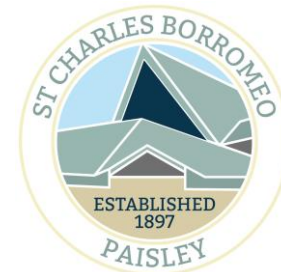


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Mass times: Saturday Vigil – 5.00pm
Sunday – 10.00am, 12.00noon & 5.30pm

Weekdays (Mon-Wed, Fri, Sat) – 10.00am
(Thur) – 7pm

Confession: Thursday – 6.20-6.50pm
Saturday – 9.20-9.50am, 4.20-4.50pm

Rosary: Weekdays – 9.30am (unless Funeral)
Exposition: Weekdays – 9.30am (unless Funeral)
Thursday – 6.20pm
Fatima Devotion: First Saturday after Morning Mass



*Please scan the QR code if you wish to
make an electronic donation to
St. Charles Parish*

Sunday, 4th February 2024 | 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Second Collection

Many thanks for your contributions to the second collections for the Building Fund which raised £478.00. This weekend the second collection is for SPRED. Thank you for all the donations and financial support you give to the parish.

St Charles' 200 Club

Winners for the month of January 2024.

The money will be paid into their accounts this week.

No	Prize	Winner
120	£200.00	Angela Magennis
155	£100.00	Felix Gilfedder
184	£50.00	Joyce McMenemy
34	£25.00	Ainsley Gavin
6	£25.00	Donald Boyd

P4-P7 Lenten Retreat Day

This diocesan retreat takes place on Sunday, 18th February, from 2.00-5.30pm, in St Mary's, Paisley. It will start in the church hall. The retreat day will include activities, Mass and the chance to meet new friends. All participants must bring a signed consent form, which can be obtained from your parish or primary school, or by contacting Fr John Morrison at vocations@rcdop.org.uk or on 0141 889 5056. The forms will soon be available on the diocesan website.

Think Vocation

"Let us go elsewhere, to preach there too, for that is why I came." Jesus knows his mission is to proclaim the Kingdom without limit. Could you give your life to that mission of healing and teaching as a priest? Contact our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison Tel: 0141 889 5056 or email vocations@rcdop.org.

Diocesan Choir- New Members

The Diocesan Choir are looking to expand their ranks in the weeks ahead. We will start rehearsals for the Chrism Mass in a few weeks, and are looking for new members to join us as we learn new repertoire. We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 6.30- 8.00pm in the Diocesan offices. There will be an initial workshop for all new members that wish to join on 8th February, 6.30-8.00pm in the Cathedral. Although being able to read music would be beneficial, it is not an absolute requirement to join our choir. If you are interested in joining, please contact Michael Hepburn, our Diocesan Director of Music, at director.music@rcdop.org.uk.



- **P5 and P6 Pupils - Welcome Mass - 10.00am Mass on Sunday, 25th February.**
- **Sacrament of Confirmation - Thursday, 18th April,** and Thanksgiving Mass on **Sunday, 21st April** at 10.00am.
- **First Holy Communions - Saturday, 11th May,** and Thanksgiving Mass on **Sunday 12th May** at 10.00am.

Can you help please?

We are very grateful to the group of volunteers who stand at the porch welcoming parishioners to every mass. We would like to expand the group and hope that some others might be willing to undertake this important role. Come along and join us! If you are interested, please email margaret.convery@rcdop.org.uk.

Noticeboard in the Porch

Please see the notice in the porch regarding the 40 Days for Life Peaceful Prayer and Fasting Vigil from 14th February until 24th March.

Clergy Anniversaries in February

The following members of the clergy have their anniversaries in February. Please remember them in your prayers:

21st February: Canon John Doherty 2010

24th February: Fr. James M. Quinn 1985

Young Adults' Pilgrimage

The diocesan Young Adults office hopes to arrange a pilgrimage to Poland from 5-12 August 2024 for those aged 18-35 years old. We will stay in Krakow with visits to the St John Paul II Centre, Divine Mercy Sanctuary, Salt Mine Museum, Auschwitz-Birkenau Museum and the Częstochowa Sanctuary. Flights from/to Edinburgh. Estimated cost: £600-800pp. To book, please attend a meeting on Sunday, 25th February at 4.00pm in the diocesan offices. For more info, contact Fr Ryan Black (ryan.black@rcdop.org.uk) or Fr Joe McGill (joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk).

Synod 2023 – 2024

The most recent Synod document, the Synthesis Report, can be found on the diocesan website, along with a list of suggested Proposals. Please send any comments, etc., on these documents to Synod23@rcdop.org.uk or Synod Response c/o Diocesan Offices by 23rd February 2024. All responses will contribute towards the official diocesan response.

Young Adults

The 'Christ in the Covenants' series continues with a talk from Fr Ryan Black, who will explore God's covenant with David. Aged 18-35? Come along to learn more about the Faith and to meet other young Catholics. The talk begins at 7pm in the Diocesan office on **Wednesday, 7th February**. It will end with Adoration and Benediction, followed by an opportunity to socialise in a local bar. Email Fr Ryan (ryan.black@rcdop.org.uk) or Fr Joe McGill (joe.mcgill@rcdop.org.uk) for more info, and to be added to the WhatsApp group.

Cornerstone – Lenten Talks

Cornerstone is a Catholic Young Adult Group for 18-40 years olds based in St Helen's Church, Langside in Glasgow. We welcome other young adults to join us from across Scotland and have organised a series of talks for Lent on the topics of Almsgiving, Fasting and Prayer. The evenings consist of night prayer in the church at 7.30pm then a talk in the church hall with refreshments starting at 8.00pm
Wednesday, 7th February: Sr. Eleanor Breen, Congregational Leader, Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception speaking about Almsgiving.
Wednesday, 28th February: Mairi-Claire McCready Representative of RCAG Youth. speaking about Fasting.
Wednesday, 13th March: Rt Rev John Keenan, Bishop of Paisley and Vice President of the Bishop's Conference speaking about prayer.



*Let us go on to the nearby villages
that I may preach there also.
For this purpose have I come.*
Mark 1:38

The readings for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B cause us to reflect on Jesus' power to heal us, both physically and spiritually. In the first reading, Job laments that he is experiencing so much misery and despair. But the psalm reminds us to "Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted." The Gospel tells how Jesus cured Peter's mother in law, freed those possessed by demons, and preached in the area.

First Reading – Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Job laments life's hardships, comparing his suffering to a labourer's toil and a slave's longing for relief. His nights are restless, his days joyless, feeling his life fleeting like the wind.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 147

Praise the Lord for His kindness and mercy. He restores and unites, heals the broken-hearted, and knows all creation intimately. He uplifts the humble, humbling the wicked.

RESPONSE: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Preaching the gospel is my entrusted duty, not a ground for pride. My reward lies in sharing it freely, adapting to serve all, with the hope of sharing in its blessings.

Gospel – Mark 1:29-39

Jesus healed Simon's mother-in-law at her home. That evening, many sick and demon-possessed were brought to him; he healed them, not allowing demons to speak. Seeking solitude, Jesus prayed in the early morning. Urged by his followers, he continued his mission, preaching and exorcising demons throughout Galilee.

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